

# CRISIS SEEMS NEARER

**Federal General Maas Is Reported to Have Executed a Private in the United States Army, Samuel Parks by Name, Outside of Vera Cruz**

**FUNSTON MAY LEAVE IT WITH WASHINGTON**

**Federal Troops Are Said to Have Gathered North of Vera Cruz in Greater Numbers Than Believed, But There Have Been No Hostile Demonstrations**

Vera Cruz, May 9.—Army officers believe that the reported execution by General Maas of Private Samuel Parks will not precipitate a clash, General Funston leaving the investigation to the government at Washington.

Reports from the north outposts and from aviators indicate that more federal troops are there than believed. There have been no hostile demonstrations.

## SEC. DANIELS GOES TO MEET THE DEAD

**Marked Tribute To Be Paid in Honor of the Marines Who Were Killed at Vera Cruz.**

Washington, D. C., May 9.—With Secretary Daniels and a party of navy department officials aboard, the presidential yacht Mayflower steamed down the Potomac late last night to meet at the Virginia cape the cruiser Montana, bringing home the bodies of the American victims of the seizure of Vera Cruz.

The two vessels will proceed to New York, anchoring Sunday afternoon off the battery, where the bodies of the blue-jackets and marines will be landed immediately.

President Wilson will leave for New York by railway Sunday night and the congressional delegation will reach New York early Monday morning.

Members of the Senate committee named yesterday are: Senators Robinson, Saulsbury, O'Gorman, Vardaman, Gallinger, Kenyon, and Brady.

The House delegation consists of Representatives Fitzgerald, Calder and Maher of Brooklyn; Wilson, Florida; Walsh, New Jersey; Sabath, Illinois; Sloop, Virginia; Bartlett and Walker, Georgia; Dupre, Louisiana; and Wintersteen, Mississippi.

### WYOMING SAILS TO-DAY

New York, May 9.—The first step in the nation's tribute to the 17 sailors and marines, who fell before Mexican bullets during the American occupation of Vera Cruz, was taken when the dreadnought Wyoming left the Brooklyn navy yard at 9 o'clock and passed out to sea to meet the funeral ship Montana, steaming northward with the dead. Near the Montana will be the president's yacht, the Mayflower, carrying Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

The Wyoming will escort these two vessels to a position in the harbor, off the battery, arriving about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. President Wilson and Secretary of War Garrison will arrive here by train late Sunday night.

Navy tugs will swing alongside the Montana on Monday morning, according to the program announced here last night and the bodies of the heroes will be taken ashore, placed upon caissons, and the long march to the Brooklyn navy yard will begin. While it is in progress the church bells of the city will toll, flags on public and private buildings will be at half staff and the noise of civic traffic will be stilled on lower Manhattan island. In the public schools the pupils will be taught lessons drawn from the example set by the men who died for their flag.

When the president arrives at the navy yard, whether with the land procession or on the Mayflower, he will be greeted with the customary 21 guns salute. The memorial services at the yard will be brief, consuming, it is expected, not more than a half hour.

President Wilson will deliver the funeral oration. Rev. Father John P. Child, who was the Maine's chaplain when the battleship was blown up in 1898, will pronounce the benediction. The ceremonies will conclude with a salute from the cruiser Tennessee.

### WON'T STOP LANDING OF ARMS.

Navy Department Officials Stated at Washington.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Navy department officials said last night that the warships of the United States would make no effort to prevent the landing of arms and ammunition for the Huerta government at Puerto, Mexico. Rear Admiral Badger reported late last night that the German steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie, believed to have on board a

part cargo of munitions of war, had arrived at Puerto, Mexico, yesterday and that the Bavaria was understood to be on the way with a shipment.

The United States has no ships at Puerto, Mexico, now and it is said that none will be sent there.

## HIGH TENSION FELT IN WASHINGTON

**Uneasiness Felt Over Report of Other German Ships on Way to Mexico With Arms for the Federals.**

Washington, D. C., May 9.—High tension marks the Mexican situation, both on the military and diplomatic side.

The war department was the chief center of activity, and while no authoritative statement was made beyond Secretary Garrison's formal reply that "no orders for additional troops movements have been sent," it became known that the sending of additional troops to Vera Cruz was under consideration, and probably would be carried out. This step would not be intended in any way as an aggressive measure, but as a reasonable precaution to support the force already there in case of any untoward event.

Such an untoward event is considered one of the eventualities which must be guarded against, although it is not regarded as immediately imminent.

Of equally serious portent to the troop preparations was the report late in the day that two German merchant ships were about to arrive at Puerto, Mexico, for Huerta. It was realized that this, if true, would present an incident similar to the arrival of the Ypiranga at Vera Cruz with her cargo of munitions, which led immediately to the American occupation of that port.

Huerta's protest to the mediators that the United States had broken the armistice by landing additional troops at Vera Cruz was considered by the cabinet, and later Secretary Bryan announced that the reply of this government stated that no aggressive steps had been taken by the United States forces and that nothing had been done in violation of the suspension of hostilities.

The mediators themselves also took the view that the question raised by Huerta over the observance of the armistice had been cleared away, and that Huerta could be convinced that the United States had not violated, in spirit at least, the armistice which had been agreed upon.

The cabinet meeting brought out a general discussion of the Mexican situation. It was said after the meeting that the matter of troop movements had previously been left with the war department and there was little doubt as to the sending of additional forces wholly for precautionary purposes. It also became known in this connection that inquiries had been made of the governors of states to ascertain the condition of National Guards and how soon they could be prepared for active service if conditions required.

The indications are that if National Guards are called upon they would not be sent out of the country, but would be used on the Texas border, relieving the regulars there, who would thus be available for reinforcing the troops now in Vera Cruz.

**NO INTENTION OF RESIGNING.**

Huerta Still Sticking to His Job in Mexico City.

Vera Cruz, May 9.—Mexicans arriving here yesterday from Mexico City say that General Victoriano Huerta shows no indication of having an intention to resign the presidency of Mexico. The president, they assert, popularly is credited with having made the statement that he would see the capital in ashes before he left it.

That the American forces at Vera Cruz are violating the armistice by landing more troops and ordnance supplies, is the charge made by Mexico City papers, which are under the domination of President Huerta.

Rebels in the vicinity of the federal capital, particularly the followers of Gen. Zapata, are continuing their campaign against the Huerta administration.

It was reported yesterday that Emiliano Zapata had taken Cuernavaca, capital of the State of Morelos, which is within 40 miles of Mexico City. Close observers of the situation say, however, that Zapata could have taken it at any time, as it always has been garrisoned by a weak force.

The reports of rebel successes are still being suppressed in the capital and few persons there know of General Villa's steady approach toward the city.

American traveling between the capital and Vera Cruz are impressed most by the solitude of Huerta's officers for the safety of all foreigners, especially Americans. Those Americans having homes in Mexico City or who are in business there are permitted to pass the lines, but others are refused permission to pass on the ground that they will merely add to the burdens of the Huerta government in protecting.

The military situation in Vera Cruz is unchanged. There were various reports of large bodies of federal troops near the city. These reports were characterized by Brig. Gen. Funston and other army officers as exaggerated.

A Mexican brought into the city yesterday a report that Gen. Gustavo Maas has put to death 19 of the convicts he released from prison just before the Americans occupied Vera Cruz. Among the prisoners he released and armed to assist him in the defense of Vera Cruz were many well known criminals.

Since the Americans drove the federalists out of Vera Cruz these men have been robbing and killing people in the region not protected by either the Mexicans or the Americans. Gen. Maas is said to have rounded up one band of the former prisoners and executed all of its members.

### CARRANZA MORE FRIENDLY.

**Thinks United States' Action Intended as Demonstration Against Huerta.**

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Secretary Bryan made public yesterday a long formal communication from Raphael Zubaran in behalf of General Carranza as first chief of the constitutionalist army, declaring the friendly attitude of the constitutionalists toward the United States. The document was significant in reversing the position announced by Carranza immediately after the occupation of Vera Cruz, that he resented the occupation as a violation of Mexican sovereignty.

He now regards the American movement as directed against Huerta, and not against the Mexican people as a

## HORRIBLE EXECUTION

**45 Peruvian Soldiers Who Had Mutinied Were Massacred by Machine Gun**

## SHACKLED TO BOAT, MET HORRIBLE END

**Terrible Story of Cruelty in the Upper Amazon River**

New York, May 9.—Captain W. P. Aspinwall of the steamer Gregory arrived yesterday from Iquitos, 2,500 miles up the Amazon, and brought a story of the massacre of 45 Peruvian soldiers, all Indians, who had mutinied and killed their officers. Captain Fernando Casabene, who carried out the execution, was a passenger on the Gregory to Barbados.

The mutineers, when captured, were shackled together and taken out on the Napo river on a lighter in tow of a gunboat. Then a machine-gun on the gunboat was turned on the prisoners and all of them killed. The bodies were then thrown into the river.

## KOLEMAINEN GOES HOME.

**Sturdy Finn Runner Plans to Return to United States in Fall.**

New York, May 9.—Hannes Kolehmainen, the sturdy Finn, who has won hundreds of races and made dozens of records since he came here two years ago, sailed for home to-day on the Olympic. He said he will return in September to compete in the national championships. He will race in several countries abroad.

whole, who, he says, are on friendly terms with the United States. Also the document was significant as being the first official communication announced by the state department as having been received from an official of the Carranza administration.

Word came yesterday through constitutional headquarters here that General Carranza had ordered that the campaigns against Tampico and Mazatlan should be passed to quick conclusions and that reinforcements were on their way to both places. Reports of hostilities to Tampico were very meagre. Secretary Daniels telegraphed Admiral Mayo for information concerning the reports that all ships had been ordered out of the river. American ships were withdrawn several days ago, but it is understood now that the constitutionalists as well as the federal forces will not permit any ships to land supplies or persons.

## CABINET IS DIVIDED.

**Over Advisability of Sending Reinforcements to Funston.**

Washington, D. C., May 9.—The discussion of reinforcing General Funston at Vera Cruz has developed a marked difference of opinion in the cabinet. Some of the members take the view that the mediation negotiations might be embarrassed by such an act, while others believed that it was a necessary precaution against a sudden attack on the American forces stretching along the railroad to the water works.

General Funston is understood to have told the war department that, with the 7,000 men he now has, his lines are vulnerable at different points, and that a sudden attack along the railroad would necessitate the withdrawal of forces from other points which would be left unprotected. He has informed the war department that he will need at least 15,000 to 18,000 men in order to hold Vera Cruz as well as the outlying districts which he now has garrisoned.

The decision, as to the number of troops to be given General Funston has been left, it is understood, to the judgment of the general staff. Secretary Garrison said that as yet no orders had been issued for any movement but it became known authoritatively that contracts had been closed for the chartering of several merchant steamers and that within a day or two formal orders would be issued.

The fact that high officials of the army had recommended the sending of at least 50,000 to 60,000 men to Vera Cruz, in preparations for all eventualities, became known during the day generally in executive quarters. A number of officials admitted that the administration was now confronted with the problem of deciding whether it would limit its military activities to protecting the forces already at Vera Cruz from attack, or whether a sufficient number of men would be placed in readiness at Vera Cruz for a flying expedition to Mexico City in case the Huerta regime collapsed and irresponsible bands threatened the lives of Americans and other foreigners in the Mexican capital.

## SPORTING NOTES.

Jack Combs has not yet started active box work for the Mackens. It is said that Connie Mack may use him in the outfield because of his hitting ability, in case he does not show up to the standard.

Vermont suffered defeat at Hanover, N. H., on Thursday, when Dartmouth hung up another victory. The score was 5 to 2. Malcolm was touched up rather freely. Mayforth saved a shutout by driving out a three-bagger during the latter part of the game.

Only one of the Ward brothers is prejudiced against Sunday ball. Robert Ward, who holds the prejudice, is president of the Brooklyn club and sternly objects to playing on the Sabbath.

Walter Johnson faced only 18 batters in six consecutive innings last Thursday. As a result of bad weather encountered this season, the Phillies and the Athletics have both seven doubleheaders to play later in the season.

## BREAKS AT POULTNEY.

**Believed to Have Been Committed by House of Correction Fugitives.**

Rutland, May 9.—That Fred Wooster of West Rutland and Robert Harrington of Bradford, who escaped Wednesday night, from the house of correction in this city, were in Poultney Thursday night was believed probable upon the discovery that a Poultney creamery had been broken into and a nearby freight car entered by some persons who left behind in the creamery a pair of trousers similar in description to those worn at the local institution. Yesterday morning it was found that the creamery had been entered during the night, that some butter and possibly other articles of food had been taken. The pair of brown trousers had been left in exchange for another pair of trousers on the premises by a workman. Nearby, a freight car had been pried open with an axe and canned goods had been secured and opened on the spot.

Assistant Superintendent Phelps G. Whitcomb went to Poultney to identify, if possible, the trousers and to follow up any other clues disclosed by the breaks. Superintendent M. H. Lonkes has been out the search and bearing his belief that the fugitives would attempt to secure work from farmers in the western part of the county, where one or both of them has been before.

## DETECTIVE COST JUSTIFIED.

**State's Attorneys Are Reported to Have Agreed at Conference.**

Burlington, May 9.—A meeting of the state's attorneys of Vermont, called by Attorney General R. E. Brown some ten days ago, was held at the sun parlor of the Van Ness house last evening. All the counties of the state were represented by their chief prosecuting officials except Lunenburg and Windham counties. The party had dinner, after which there was speaking by those present.

The object of the meeting was for the purpose of discussing the matter of detective service in criminal cases demanding it and the extent to which it ought to be used, with a view to the attorney general's recommendations to be made in his report to the governor and the next session of the legislature. The meeting also took up the discussion of what criminal statutes now on the books should be repealed or amended or what new ones should be created at the next session of the legislature.

Regarding the question of the expenses for detectives, all present were of the same opinion that no more money has been put into the service than ought to have been. Attorney General Brown says that he proposed to show both sides of the ledger in regard to detective hire, and to demonstrate that no more service was used than was called for or justified, and that the state got the worth of its money and made money in some instances.

## ENLISTED AS A BOY.

**The Late Patrick Coffey of Burlington Got Into Civil War.**

Burlington, May 9.—Patrick Coffey of this city died at the Soldiers' Home at Bennington Wednesday evening. He had been ill for about a week and was in the hospital with some difficulty with his foot which resulted in his death.

He enlisted on the 13th of January, 1864, at the age of 17 in company B, 17th Vermont regiment, and was mustered out with his regiment July 14, 1865. He served in all the battles of his regiment which, though the last of the Vermont regiments, saw most severe service. He was a good soldier and a good citizen, and leaves many friends to respect his memory.

His body arrived in Burlington on the 6:40 train last evening and was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bart O'Brien, of 213 St. Paul street. The funeral services will take place at St. Mary's cathedral at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon. He was an honored member of St. Bernard's post, which will be represented at his funeral.

## GIVEN TWO YEARS' SENTENCE.

**Robert Foley of Burlington, in Court at Worcester, Mass.**

Worcester, Mass., May 9.—Previous bad records against the name in police circles proved the undoing of Robert Foley, 18 years old, of Burlington, Vt., who was convicted of assault and battery in central district court here Tuesday and who was arraigned for sentence yesterday, before Judge Samuel Uley. After hearing the reports of detectives' investigation into Foley's career, Judge Uley ordered the Burlington lad committed to the Massachusetts reformatory for not less than a two-year term.

In looking up the past career and police records of Foley, who was arrested Tuesday night by Patrolman Edward J. Hayes, after he had knocked down and robbed Thomas Walsh of nine cents and a brass workman's check, it was found that he had been within the hands of the law twice in his home town. It was also learned by the Worcester police that a warrant is still awaiting Foley in Burlington, charging him with assault with intent to rob.

At the time of the assault and holdup of Thomas Walsh, Foley was accompanied by another young fellow, whom the Vermont claims he does not know, and whom he told the court he picked up near the Union station, after arriving from Springfield via fast freight. The Worcester police are still looking for the second man and believe they know who the criminal is. In sending Foley to the Massachusetts reformatory, Judge Uley made mention of the fact that a vacation in the reformatory might prove a real reformer to the Vermont lad.

## SAW HER SON KILLED

**When Aeroplane Fell with Percival Van Ness at Utica, N. Y.**

Utica, N. Y., May 9.—Percival Van Ness of this city, a licensed aviator, was almost instantly killed here last evening when his new biplane turned turtle. Van Ness and his brother, Jesse, had just completed the new machine. They took it to the race track at Deerfield and there assembled it yesterday afternoon. When the strong east wind lessened about 5 o'clock, Percival ascended, while his mother stood anxiously by. He made a short preliminary test and then endeavored to make one higher. He had risen about 30 feet when the biplane turned over and fell to the ground with the young man beneath. Death followed soon after. The Van Ness brothers formerly lived in Bath, N. Y., and had considerable experience with flying machines.

# GREAT LOSS BY 'QUAKE

**Dozen Sicilian Villages Are Said to Have Been Wiped Out in Series of Violent Earth Disturbances That Swept Over That Section Late Last Night**

## VISITATION WAS LIKE THAT AT MESSINA

Catania, Sicily, May 9.—Violent earthquakes greatly resembling that at Messina six years ago destroyed a dozen villages in the vicinity of this place late last night. No complete estimate of the number of casualties has been made as yet, but it is known that the damage was enormous.

The gravity of the disaster was not realized until this morning, when reports came in from the surrounding country. The villages of Linera and Consentini were transformed into heaps of ruins. At Zafferana every house was destroyed. Enormous damage was caused at Santa Venera, and roofs fell and walls collapsed in other hamlets. The village of Santa Maria Vergine Catena was razed to the ground.

Catania has suffered more than any other city in the world from the violence of eruptions and earthquakes, owing to its proximity to the volcano Etna. The town is built on a bed of lava and most of the streets are paved with it. The town has a population of 140,000. Fifty persons are known to be dead in the destruction of the village of Linera and 20 bodies were found in the ruins of Pasopomo, Bongiaro and Malati.

## MONTPELIER MAN HEADS STATE FAIR

**James B. Estee Elected President of the Commission at Meeting Held at White River Junction.**

White River Junction, May 9.—At a meeting of the state fair commission held here yesterday, James B. Estee of Montpelier was elected president, to succeed Charles W. Gates of Franklin, temporary president since the death of Maxwell Evans of Windsor. It was the wish of the commission that Mr. Gates retain the presidency, but on account of other attentions he was unable to do so later than June 1. Mr. Estee takes the office at once.

## CONVENTION ADJOURNS.

**Dr. George M. Kober Was Elected President at Washington.**

Washington, D. C., May 9.—With the election of officers, the annual meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis adjourned yesterday. Dr. George M. Kober, Washington, D. C., was elected president, and Surgeon-General Rupert Blue of the public health service was made a member of the board of directors.

Seattle, Wash., and Chicago were urged for the meeting place next year, but no decision was reached.

## DIED AT MONTPELIER.

**James Paty Formerly Was a Stonecutter in Barre.**

James Paty of Montpelier, a former resident of Barre, died at 8:30 last evening of stonecutters' consumption after a long illness. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, 40 years ago and came to Barre about 11 years ago, after which he went to Montpelier to reside. He leaves a wife and four small children; also two sisters and a brother. The funeral will be held on Monday.

Ned Mahan, the former Andover pitcher, is proving to be a star as a pitcher at Harvard. This week he held Colby to six hits and won an easy victory. By the new batting list in use for the first time at the Colby game, Mahan is lead-off batter.

Shea, the big fellow who is acting as coach of the Norwich university baseball team this spring, was formerly a member of the Burlington team in the days of the old Northern league. Shea will be remembered as a catcher and first sacker. Although placed at a great disadvantage this spring at Northfield by the lack of material, Shea is rounding into form a nine that compares very favorably with others of the past few years.

The Chauncey bowling team established a new record at the recent meet of the American candle pin and duck pin congress. The Chauncey team of Boston rolled the sticks apart for 1639.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Sunday fair; moderate variable winds.

## FORMER BARRE WOMAN.

**Mrs. Mary Goeoe, Widow of Louis Goeoe, Died in Montpelier.**

Mrs. Mary Champagne Goeoe, widow of the late Louis Goeoe, a former granite manufacturer and for 35 years a resident of this city, passed away at the home of her daughter on St. Paul street in Montpelier at 6 o'clock last evening. Death followed a longstanding illness of diabetes. Mrs. Goeoe had been in poor health for two years, but only during the past four months had her condition been serious. Of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Goeoe, four are surviving. They are: Mrs. M. J. Sawyer and Miss Grace M. Goeoe of Montpelier, Adolphus Goeoe of this city, who is employed in the water department, and Alfred Goeoe of Woodstock, who is a porter at the Commercial house there. A sister of the deceased, Mrs. Beat Pateneau of Toronto, Ont., and two brothers, Joseph and Thomas Champagne of Ludlow, Mass., are also left.

Mrs. Goeoe was born in Champlain, N. Y., June 2, 1844. Much of her girlhood was passed in her native town and in 1869 she was married to Mr. Goeoe. Thirty-five years ago they moved to Vermont and for some little time Mr. Goeoe was employed as a quarryman in Barre town. Afterwards he came to Barre to live and worked as a stonecutter until he entered business. Mr. Goeoe's death occurred here 12 years ago. Latterly the deceased has been making her home with her daughter. She was a devout member of St. Augustine's church.

Funeral services will be held from her late home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. W. J. O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Augustine's church, officiating. The interment will be beside the body of Mr. Goeoe in St. Michael's cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goeoe of Woodstock arrived in Barre to-day and will attend the funeral.

## VERMONT FEDERATION GETS \$500.

**Omaha Daughter of This State Contributes Funds for Woman's Club Work.**

Among the many items of interest given in the various reports of the different departments and committees at the annual meeting of the Barre Woman's club was one of special interest concerning the scholarship work of the state federation.

Through the efforts of Mrs. N. D. Phelps, acting chairman of the scholarship committee, \$500 has been contributed by an Omaha daughter of Vermont. This is the largest donation ever received by the Vermont federation.

At the present time there are five federation girls at the Castleton Normal school. Principal Charles A. Adams speaks in the highest terms of these girls and of their work. The first object of this work is for the improvement of the rural schools of Vermont, thereby giving them better teachers. The second object is to help some of our Vermont girls to a normal training. These girls pledge themselves to teach two years in the rural districts. All the federated clubs in the state are asked to aid in this good work. The Barre Woman's club contributed \$30 this year. The Phi Kappa Phi.

The loyal clubwomen of Vermont are alert to help along all lines for the betterment of Vermont.

## FELL FROM STAGING.

**James A. Field Was at First Thought To Be Severely Injured.**

A remarkable change for the better in the condition of James A. Field, the carpenter who sustained a severe fall while working on Tremont street late yesterday afternoon, dissipated the fears of his relatives to-day and if he continues to improve as rapidly, there seems little doubt that he will suffer no permanent ill effects from the accident. Mr. Field was engaged with other carpenters in erecting an annex to the house at 90 Tremont street occupied by Dan J. Morse. It was while he was proceeding along a staging some 16 feet high that he stepped on a loose board and fell to the ground. He struck on his left shoulder and face, inflicting painful flesh wounds and straining the arm severely. Other carpenters took him into the house and Dr. J. H. Woodruff was summoned. "Afterwards he was removed to his home at 24 Patterson street, where last night his condition was considered extremely serious. One side of his face was badly discolored and the patient complained of much pain. At that time it was feared that unforeseen complications would develop. This morning, however, Mr. Field had rallied well from the shock caused by the fall and seemed to be in a fair way of recovery.

## INTEREST IN BIRDS INCREASED

**As Result of Ernest Harold Baynes' Talk and a Club Formed.**

Ernest Harold Baynes, the well-known Meriden, N. H., naturalist, was greeted by a large number of local bird lovers in the Congregational church last evening, and one of the direct results of his lecture on birds was the organization of a bird club afterwards. Only a temporary organization was effected, but the names of 75 people were enrolled and a meeting will be held next week for the purpose of making the organization permanent. It is proposed at this early date to merge the bird clubs recently organized among the school children with the club that came into existence last evening.

Prof. Baynes' qualifications in bird lore are too well known to need extended comment. Last summer he was a member of the company of players who appeared in Percy Mackaye's bird masque, "Sanctuary," at Meriden. Before his Barre listeners he was introduced by Mrs. Frank J. Martin, president of the Woman's club, under whose auspices the lecture was given. He accompanied his bird descriptions with lantern slides and had no difficulty in keeping the audience engrossed in his address at all times. Prof. Baynes spoke on the functions which birds perform in exterminating parasites, as well as the part which they play in making perfect harmony in nature. He was heartily applauded at the close and expressed himself pleased with the interest in birds by his Barre auditors. Prof. Baynes remained to assist in organizing the bird club.

## JUMPING TY COBB.

**That Is, He Has Jumped from 38th to 13th Place in Batting.**

Chicago, May 9.—Averages announced to-day show that Ty Cobb has jumped from the thirty-eighth place to the thirteenth among American league batters. Joe Jackson of Cleveland is in the lead.

## BECKER HEARS CONDEMNATION

**District Attorney Whitman Denounced Accused Man as Instigator of Murder**

## STATEMENT SIMILAR TO ONE OF FIRST TRIAL

**Testimony Will Not Be Taken Until Early Next Week**

New York, May 9.—For the second time, Charles Becker, on trial for the murder of Rosenthal, to-day heard himself denounced by the district attorney as the instigator of the plot for assassination of the gambler. District Attorney Whitman deviated but little from his opening statement in the first trial.

Whitman told of the breaking of the alleged gambling combination between Rosenthal and Becker, who had charge of gambling raids. He charged that Becker suddenly desired to be rid of his former associate and hired the gunmen to murder the gambler.

Although the jury was completed last night, Justice Seabury ordered the 20 men remaining on the panel to report to-day. The presentation of the testimony will not be begun until Monday.

The jury was completed with the selection of Gilbert Shaul, a manufacturer. Directly after the completion of the jury, Justice Seabury retired to his chambers and there he called the night. District Attorney Whitman and Martin T. Manton of Becker's counsel.

The jury was completed with the fence, which lasted about 15 minutes, was not revealed, but when the district attorney and Mr. Manton emerged from the chambers, jurors selected as Nos. 5 and 8, A. V. Farley and W. R. Smith, were called in. Soon after Justice Seabury returned to his chambers and announced that the two jurors had been excused on their own application. No reflection, said the court, was to be cast upon either of the men.

The work of examining talesmen was again resumed and Ephraim Plummer, a retired salesman, was quickly selected. Wilbur F. Rawlins, a salesman, was picked a few minutes before the time set for closing. The jury was taken to an uptown hotel to spend the night.

No mention was made during the day of the reported move to have W. Bourke Cockran, of counsel for Becker, adjudged guilty of contempt of court for a remark attributed to him. He had been quoted in the newspapers as saying, "This is not a trial; it is an assassination."

Several affidavits from newspaper men who swore they heard Cockran say this are in the hands of the district attorney. It was intimated at the district attorney's office, however, that the affidavits, which, it is said, were collected at the direction of Justice Seabury, would be presented to the court. Cockran has not been in court since he made the alleged remark. He added at the time that he was "through with the case."

Both Attorney Manton, for the defense, and District Attorney Whitman expressed themselves as satisfied with the make-up of the jury.

An effort was made last night to disprove the charge made by Katharine B. Davis, commissioner of corrections, that Becker was implicated in a plot revealed Thursday to discredit the city administration by means of a petition circulated among the Tombs prisoners. It was declared by friends of the former police lieutenant that there had been another Charles Becker in the Tombs up to April 28 and that his name had been confused with that of the prisoner now on trial in the uncovering of the alleged plot. Miss Davis, however, insists she has proof that it was ex-convict Becker who signed the original petition, used, it is declared, to mislead the other prisoners.

## STATE SOCIALIST CONVENTION

**It Will Be Held in Barre on June 13, Next.**

Barre is to have one of the state political conventions this year. Official notice was received here to-day of the decision of the state executive committee of the Socialist party to hold the convention in this city on the afternoon of June 13. Several times in years past the Socialists have assembled here for their semi-annual convention, but the delegation this year, local party men say, will be larger than ever before, because of the strides which the propaganda has made in the Green Mountain state in recent years. Definite details as to who will be here are not at hand, but it is known that some of the wheel among them John Spargo of Old Bennington, will attend.

Two years ago the Socialist convention that nominated Fred W. Sutor of Barre as the gubernatorial candidate met in Bennington. This year it is planned to hold the meeting in the Socialist auditorium in Barre. The party plans to put a straight and complete ticket into the field in the fall elections. There will be candidates for the House of Representatives, as well as the Senate, if the present plans mature.

## DEATH OF MRS. SPARROW.

**Wife of Proprietor of Montpelier House Occurred To-day.**

Mrs. A. S. Sparrow, wife of the proprietor of the Montpelier house, died at 5 o'clock this morning after a two weeks' illness with pneumonia, which was complicated with heart weakness. She was thought to be getting along fairly well through the night until just a few minutes before the end came. Besides her husband, she leaves two sisters and one brother.